

**Town of University Park
Committee on Trees, Parks, and Environment
MINUTES for the meeting,
Wednesday, March 3, 2021**

LOCATION: TELEMEETING VIA ZOOM

Members Present/Absent Beth Alvarez, Roy Alvarez, Chris Aubry (Chair),
Eric Erickson, Matt Jasinski, Laurie Morrissey (Council Liaison), Karen Sondak, Joe
Thompson, Fiegh Thompson

GUESTS: N/A

CONVENED: 7:07 PM

ITEMS THAT WERE DISCUSSED AT THIS MEETING:

1. UP Tree Ordinance:
 - a. Liaison Morrissey reports Town Attorney Ferguson making progress on draft ordinance to amend Town Code, Chapter 16.
 - b. Chair Aubry reported made contact/request from Professor Ralph Dubayah for LIDAR metrics to compare current canopy with 2016 or 2018 canopy.

2. Committee scheduled a preliminary survey of two potential sites for 2021 Community Planting for Saturday, 3/20 for the two locations being considered – border of the Pollinator Meadow and/or Lower Ward 6, area bounded by 40th Avenue, Underwood St, Forest Hill Dr. , and College Heights Dr.

3. Recommendations for DPW – The Committee agreed to surface these requests with DPW Director Beall at the 4/14 meeting.
 - a. Committee would like the Town to develop and implement a plan to systematically remove Callery Pear trees that are universally regarded as dangerous, soft-wooded trees, noting Bowie, MD’s and other municipalities organized removal programs.
 - b. Committee is in favor of rejuvenation of removal and replacement of trees on 41st Ave & Forest Hills Dr, between College Heights and Underwood, after excavating and rejuvenating soil in the curb boxes.
 - c. Committee is requesting newly planted trees in the Town’s parkland be protected from deer antler damage with economical welded wire fencing secured with stake and peg.

4. Ivy League: Next session is Saturday, 3/13, addressing the western riparian border of Wells Run, north of Queen’s Chapel Road.

ADJOURNED: 8:03 PM